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PATENT APPLICATION
Navy Case No.: 79,212

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of: Singh et al.

Serial No.: 09/725,309

Filed: November 29, 2000

For: PASSIVATION OF NERVE AGENTS BY SURFACE MODIFIED ENZYMES
STABILIZED BY NON-COVALENT IMMOBILIZATION ON ROBUST, STABLE
PARTICLES

Examiner: Hutson, Richard

Art Group Unit: 1652

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**PETITION TO RESET REPLY PERIOD FOR RESPONDING
TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the office action dated February 13, 2002 in the above-identified patent application. The office action was a restriction requirement and set a one month shortened statutory period for reply, as indicated in the attached copy of the Office Action Summary. Pursuant to MPEP 710.06, applicants request the resetting of the reply period for responding to the restriction requirement.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The cover sheet accompanying the office action, a copy of which is attached, indicates that it was mailed on February 13, 2002. The cover sheet also has a date stamp that reads "RECEIVED MAR 06 2002 TECH CENTER 1600/2900". This would appear to indicate that the office action was actually mailed no earlier than March 6.

On March 28, 2002, our office at the Naval Research Laboratory received the office action. This is evidenced by the attached copy of the cover sheet accompanying the office action.

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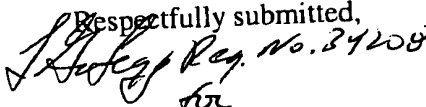
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Applicants request that this petition be granted and the reply period be reset or, in the alternative, that the attached response be considered timely based on a later mailing date by the USPTO. In the event that this petition is denied, Applicants authorize payment of the Extension of Time fee from Deposit Account No. 50-0281. In any case, Applicants request that the attached response be forwarded to the Examiner.

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 November 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
 If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
 a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s): _____
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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